

NEAR ENTOMBED MINERS.

But Rescuers Lose Hope of Finding Scranton Men Alive.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 15.—Belief that the bodies of the three men entombed by a cave-in at the National mine of the Glen Alden Coal Company Friday morning will be reached early tomorrow was expressed tonight by company officials, Seward H. Button, chief of the State Bureau of Mines, mine inspectors and others engaged in the rescue work. About twenty acres of land went down with the cave-in.

One hundred experienced miners continued to work in relays cleaning away the mass of débris, rock and coal in an effort to locate the entombed men. Hope of finding them alive, however, virtually has been abandoned.

Late tonight it was reported that the rescue gangs had reached a point approximately fifty feet from where the men were last seen. Because of the great amount of débris to be cleaned away and the danger of further cave-ins the work has proceeded slowly.

Chief Button has been at the mine since yesterday assisting in the direction of the rescue work. He also is conducting an investigation of the cause of the subsidence and will make a report of his findings within a few days.

James B. Smith, head of the city's Mine Cave Bureau and a member of the Pennsylvania Anthracite Mine Cave Commission, is conducting another investigation, the report of which will be submitted to Mayor John Durkan.

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